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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to the Secretary-General's note of 28 January 1992, the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations has the honour to communicate to the Secretary-General those measures undertaken by the United Kingdom to implement Security Council resolution 733 (1992).

The United Kingdom authorities are committed to monitoring the embargo closely and ensuring its effective enforcement for as long as it remains in operation. On 24 January 1992 all Department of Trade and Industry Export Licences for all arms and military equipment destined for Somalia issued under the Export of Goods (Control) Order were revoked, and no further such licences will be issued. The United Kingdom Customs and Excise authorities are taking action to prevent the export of weapons and military equipment to Somalia.

The United Kingdom authorities have taken steps to publicize resolution 733 (1992) and have urged Somali factions to comply with its terms. They are very conscious of the need to avoid any action which might increase tension in Somalia or delay a peaceful, negotiated outcome to the conflict.

The United Kingdom authorities have contributed humanitarian aid totalling £8 million to Somalia since the beginning of 1991. This figure includes a recent grant of £2.2 million for 7,000 tons of food aid for delivery by the International Committee of the Red Cross as soon as security conditions permit. The United Kingdom authorities expect to make further assistance available when they have examined the Special Emergency Programme for the Horn of Africa (SEPHA) appeal.
